

HIS RISE IS RAPID

That of L. F. Loree, Who Has Been Chosen President of Rock Island System.

ELECTION PROVES A SURPRISE

Number of Changes in Official Staff of the Road Likely to Follow.

L. F. Loree, president of the Baltimore & Ohio, who has been appointed president of the Rock Island road, will enter upon his new duties at once. He succeeds William B. Leeds, who with the Moore brothers and Daniel G. Reid control the Rock Island. Mr. Leeds' health has been impaired for some time, and for months rumors have been in circulation that he intended to resign the presidency of the road and have a man elected who could give his undivided attention to the active management of the property. Mr. Leeds will continue as a member of the executive committee.

Mr. Loree's election comes as a surprise. It was rumored some months ago that he had been offered the presidency of the Rock Island, but it was then denied that he would leave the Baltimore & Ohio.

Few railroad men have had so rapid a rise to the top rung of the ladder as Mr. Loree. He is only 45 years of age, having been born in Fulton City, Ill., in 1858, and has been in railway service since 1877, commencing as assistant in the engineering corps of the Pennsylvania.

He has made a phenomenal success on the Baltimore & Ohio, of which he has been the president less than three years. Prior to accepting the presidency of the Baltimore & Ohio he occupied the position of fourth vice president of the Pennsylvania, in charge of the transportation department.

His career has been characterized by a thoroughness and close application to business as well as by a personal and painstaking supervision of the details of the various departments with which he had been connected. He is considered an authority on nearly all matters pertaining to railroads. He has contributed a number of valuable works to the technical literature of the railroad profession.

Railroad Association Officer. In addition to the various offices he has filled with the Pennsylvania system, he has been an efficient officer of the American Railway association. For two years he was president of this association, and previously its secretary. A few years ago he went

to Paris as the association's representative at the Industrial Railway congress, which was in session during the Paris exposition.

In 1895, when Mr. Loree was superintendent of the Cleveland & Pittsburgh division of the Pennsylvania, it is said he received a splendid offer from the Erie to become its vice president and general manager. When it was learned that Mr. Loree had been offered \$15,000 a year to go with the Erie the executive officers of the Pennsylvania company declared if the general superintendent of the Cleveland & Pittsburgh was worth that much to the Erie he was worth as much to their company, and he was induced to stay, with the promise of promotion. Only a year after that he was made general manager of the Pennsylvania lines west of Pittsburgh.

Shakeup in Officers Expected. It is the opinion that Mr. Loree will make a number of changes in the official staff of the Rock Island. The management, owing to Mr. Leeds' ill health, has practically been in the hands of First Vice President Warren, who has filled most of the important positions with friends. There has been friction with the 'Frisco management, which was not satisfied with the Warren regime, and it is said that Mr. Loree's election to the presidency of the Rock Island was made to please Mr. Yoakum, the president of the 'Frisco, and also to create greater confidence in Rock Island securities.

It is understood at the central office of the Baltimore & Ohio railroad in Baltimore, that Vice President Oscar Murray will succeed President Loree at the head of the Baltimore & Ohio system, but the company officials deny any definite knowledge of the subject.

RUBY ASSERTS HE HAS NOT GIVEN UP FIGHT FOR CHILD

E. C. Ruby, the troubles between whom and his former wife, Donna C. Ruby, have caused much litigation during the past year, has left for Idaho, where he has secured employment. Enroute he writes to The Argus, reviewing some features of the case in which he is involved. Both he and his wife have secured divorces, the former here and the latter in Iowa, as has been previously noted. The litigation in the local courts concerned possession of the daughter, Dobbie, 5 years of age, who is now in the Union Mission, placed there on order of the court pending the disposal of the case. Mr. Ruby protests against leaving the child at the mission and objects to placing her in a private family, which he says has been proposed. He asserts that he has not abandoned the case and that he will return as soon as able to do so to renew the fight for possession of his child.

CASE IS REOPENED

President Calls for Report of Secretary of War on Recent Strike at Arsenal.

LETTER TO LABOR CONGRESS

Enclosing Correspondence That Has Been Had on the Matter to Date.

Reopening of the investigation of the strike of the machinists at Rock Island arsenal in 1896 is to be brought about through the efforts of the Tri-City Labor Congress and the American Federation of Labor. The congress held its semi-monthly meeting yesterday afternoon at the Rock Island Industrial Home. The following correspondence, which is self-explanatory, was read, having been enclosed in a letter to Secretary H. L. Darby, of the congress:

"H. L. Darby, Secretary Tri-City Labor Congress.—Dear Sir: Your letter of the 12th inst. concerning the Rock Island arsenal matter has been received. In reply, I beg to say that the president has at once called upon the secretary of war for a report on the subject. Wishing you the compliments of the season,

Fraternally yours,

"SAMUEL GOMPERS,

"President American Federation of Labor."

"Hon. Theodore Roosevelt, President of the United States.—Sir: At the recent convention of the American Federation of Labor, held at Boston, Mass., Nov. 9, the undersigned was directed to bring to your attention the subject matter of a resolution introduced at and approved by that convention, which is as follows: In 1896 a strike took place at Rock Island arsenal, which, after two months' duration, was subjected by an agreement which was reached between the secretary of war and the representative of the International Association of Machinists, that all persons involved in the strike should be reinstated without discrimination; that this agreement has not been recognized by the commandant of Rock Island arsenal, as many men who were involved in the strike are still barred from employment at the arsenal, and that you, as president of the United States, are urged to use your good offices to have the agreement above referred to carried into effect, and the men be restored to their former positions. Trusting that the above will commend itself to your careful consideration and favorable action, I have the honor of remaining,

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"SAMUEL GOMPERS,

"President American Federation of Labor."

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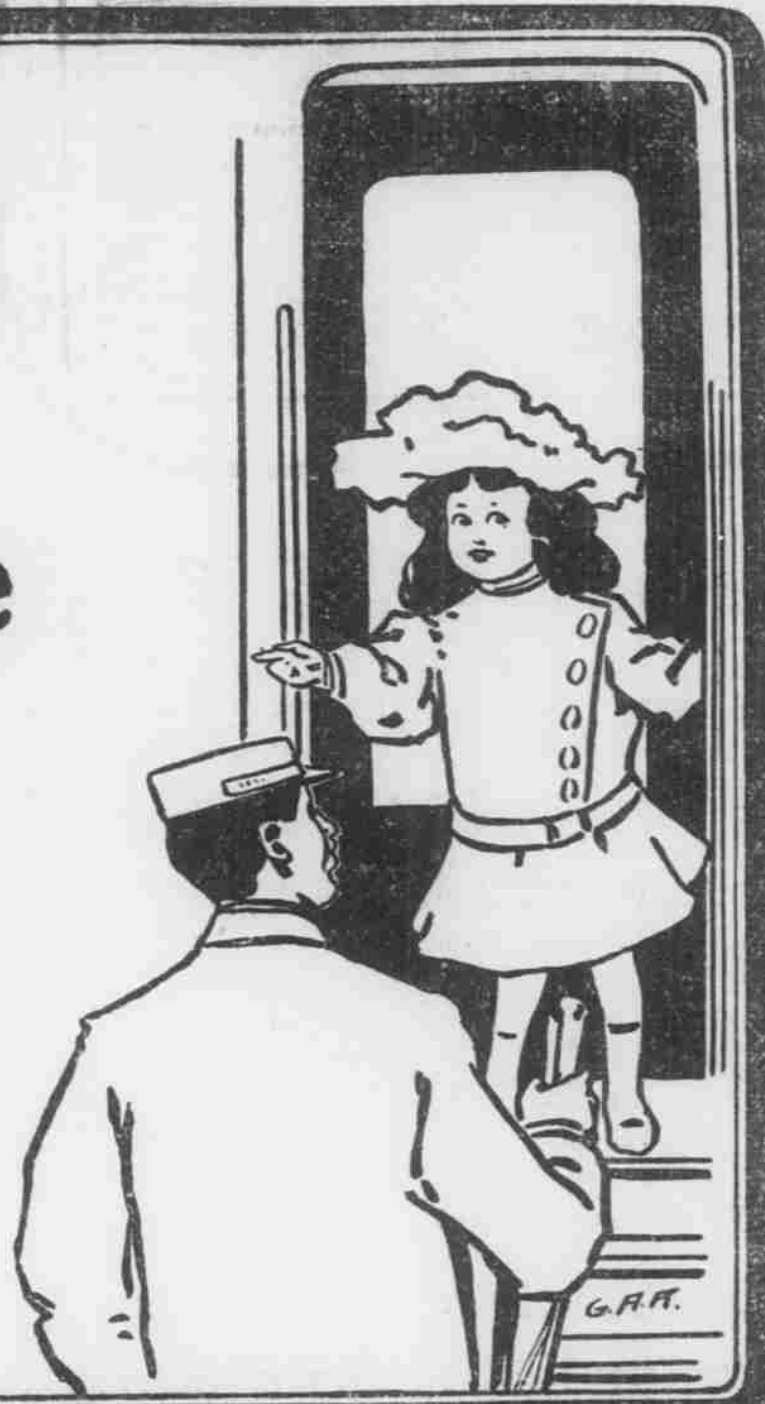
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